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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Macoviak et al.

Attorney Docket No.: 9542.18429-FOR

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10/676,815

Examiner: Alvin Stewart

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Group Art Unit: 3738

For:

Devices, Systems, and Methods for Supplementing, Repairing, or Replacing a

Native Heart Valve Leaflet

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

- 2. Applicant is
 - [x] a small entity
 - [] other than a small entity.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR 1.8(a))

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United State Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed as follows: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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EXTENSION OF TERM

| NOTE: | "Extension of Time in Patent Cases (Supplement Amendments) - If a timely and complete response has been filed after a Non-Final Office Action, an extension of time is not required to permit filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period. | | | | | |
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| | a Notice of Appeal the timely-filed resp | e has been filed after a Final Office Action, an extension or filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after exp onse placed the application in condition for allowance. Of a utory period, the period has ceased to run." Notice of Dec | piration of the shortened statutory period unless course, if a Notice of Appeal has been filed within | | | |
| NOTE: | See 37 CFR 1.645 for extensions of time in interference proceedings and 37 CFR 1.550(c) for extensions of time in reexamination proceedings. | | | | | |
| 3. | The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply | | | | | |
| | | (complete (a) or (b) as applicable | e) | | | |
| | (a) [x] | Applicant petitions for an extension of time 1.17(a)(1) - (a)(5)) for the total number of | • | | | |
| [] [] [x] [] | Extension (months) one month two months three months four months five months | Fee for other than Small Entity \$ 120.00 \$ 450.00 \$1020.00 \$1590.00 \$2160.00 | Fee for Small Entity \$ 60.00 \$ 225.00 \$ 510.00 \$ 795.00 \$1080.00 | | | |
| | Fee: \$ <u>510.00</u> | | | | | |
| | If an additiona | If an additional extension of time is required please consider this a petition therefor. | | | | |
| | (check and complete the next item, if applicable) | | | | | |

Extension fee due with this request: \$

OR

(b) [] Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below: 4.

| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | Highest No. Previously Paid For | Present Extra | Rate | Additional Fee (Small Entity) | Additional Fee (Large Entity) |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Total Claims 37 CFR 1.16(i)* | | -20 = | (20) | x \$ 25.00 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Independent Claims (37 CFR 1.16(h)*** | | -3 = | (3) | x \$ 100.00 | \$0 | \$0 |
| First Presentation of Multiple Dependent claim(s) if any (37 CFR 1.16(j)) | | | | \$180.00 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Total Additional Fee | | | | | \$0 | \$0 |

If the "Highest No. Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20". If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, enter "3".

The "Highest No. Previously Paid For" (Total or indep.) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

"After final rejection or action (S 1.113) amendments may be made cancelling claims or complying with any requirement of form which has been made." 37 CFR S 1.116(a) (emphasis added). WARNING:

(complete (c) or (d) as applicable)

| | (c) | [x] | No additional fee | for claims is required. | |
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| | (d) | [] | Total additional fe | ee for claims required \$ | _ |
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| 5. | [x] | Attach | ned is a check in the | e sum of \$ <u>510.00</u> | |
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FEE DEFICIENCY

NOTE:

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If there is a fee deficiency and there is no authorization to charge an account, additional fees are necessary to cover the additional time consumed in making up the original deficiency. If the maximum, six-month period has expired before the deficiency is noted and corrected, the application is held abandoned. In those instances where authorization to charge is included, processing delays are encountered in returning the papers to the PTO Finance Branch in order to apply these charges prior to action on the cases. Authorization to charge the deposit account for any fee deficiency should be checked. See the Notice of April 7, 1986, (1065 O.G. 31-33).

6. [x] If any overpayment of fees or additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. <u>06-2360</u>.

AND/OR

| [x] | If any overpayment of fees 06-2360 | or additional fee for claims is required charge Account No |
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AMENDMENT B

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment B responds to the office action mailed February 21, 2007.

An automatic three month extension to respond, up to and including August 21, 2007, is respectfully requested. The requisite fee accompanies this Amendment.

Please amend the above referenced application as follows:

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